

citizens of our state expect the Legislature to deal with crime yet this session. What I'm doing though is indicating that in order to expedite today's agenda and the ultimate consideration of LB 613, what I'm suggesting we do is just work through the agenda to get through that...to that bill, but I also want to make it very clear that I do believe that it is important that we have this ability to special order and by acquiescing to the request of a couple of members that we...that we modify the agenda today, that is not meant as a precedent to indicate that I don't feel I have the ability to special order these bills that are important to us. I've gone back, in a later date, if we need to get into that, I'll indicate to you the different bills historically over the last three or four years that have received special order consideration. Senator Chambers and I visited with this this morning and I know he has a different viewpoint, even though it's totally wrong, I think it's important that maybe he has an opportunity to express that viewpoint. So I would like to yield, if that's appropriate, Madam President, two or three minutes of time that you granted to me here so that he can express maybe a different point of view. And, as the session progresses, we may, in fact, ask the body to make a choice between the two points of view that are going to be expressed here. Today is not the day to do that. I think today we ought to get through the agenda and move on to LB 106, but I know...I think in lieu of Senator Chambers' offering the amendment to change the agenda we will just change the agenda but he does...I was kind of joking before about how incorrect his viewpoint is. I do believe he does have an alternative viewpoint that the body probably needs to hear. So I would like to yield a little bit of my time to him.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will be very brief, because if and when Senator Withem would take a bill out of its established order on the list of priority bills, that would be the time to really wage the battle on that particular bill. But in order that you will understand what my position is, I'm aware of the rule that Senator Withem read. That's a general rule. We have cut out in our rules a specific handling of what we call priority bills and that rule does say they generally will get first hearing above other bills and it specifically mentions that even if it's a priority bill, it will hang on Final Reading until the appropriations bills have been dealt with. But that reading of